

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2076

C O N F I D E N T I A L CARACAS 3930

EO 11652 GDS  
TAGS: ENRG EINV VE  
SUBJ: TEXACO CLAIM

REF: STATE 104281

1. IN ORDER TO BE BETTER ABLE TO DISCUSS REFTEL WITH THE  
GOV, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF WHAT THE  
PURPOSE AND STRATEGY BEHIND THE PROPOSED REPRESENTATIONS ARE.  
WHAT ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES ARE WE AFTER, AND WHAT IS IT WE  
HOPE TO ACHIEVE THEREBY?

2. TEXACO IS OF COURSE NOT IN NEED OF AN INTERMEDIARY TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH THE GOV; IT HAS CLOSER AND WIDER CONTACTS  
THAN WE DO. WE DOUBT THAT THE GOV IS ANY MORE LIKELY TO  
HEED THE POINTS LISTED JUST BECAUSE THEY COME FROM US  
RATHER THAN THE COMPANY. WE ALSO DOUBT THAT THE GOV WILL  
BE PERSUADED BY US TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER EXPLANATIONS  
IT HAS NOT ALREADY GIVEN THE COMPANY. GIVEN THE GOV'S  
CALVO-CLAUSE PHILOSOPHY, THE GOV IS OF COURSE NOT LIKELY --  
IN A LEGAL SENSE -- TO CONCEDE OUR "RIGHT" TO INTERCEDE ON  
THE COMPANY'S BEHALF, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD GET A POLITE  
HEARING. THE GOV WOULD CERTAINLY NOT ACCEPT ANY LATER  
INTERPRETATION OF OUR INTERCESSION OR ITS RESPONSE AS  
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DEMONSTRATING ANYTHING WITH REGARD TO WHETHER OR NOT  
DUE PROCESS OR ADEQUATE PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN ACCORDED.

3. IN SHORT, IF OUR GOAL IS JUST TO GET THE GOV TO  
TALK FURTHER TO THE COMPANY BY PERSUASION OR IMPLIED  
PRESSURE, WE DO NOT REALLY THINK THAT TIS IS VERY  
ACHIEVABLE. DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER OBJECTIVES IN MIND?

ARE WE WRITING A RECORD, DEMONSTRATING COOPERATION TO  
THE COMPANY, OR LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR SOME FURTHER  
STAND BY US OR BY TEXACO LATER? A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT THE  
DEPT TACTICALLY HAS IN MIND WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL  
TO US.  
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